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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Inge JOHANSEN et al. : **Attn: BOX PCT**
Serial No. NEW : **Docket No. 2001_1826A**
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EQUIPMENT FOR CONTINUOUS,
HORIZONTAL CASTING OF METAL
[Corresponding to PCT/NO00/00221
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 4 and 5 as follows:

4.(Amended) Equipment in accordance with claim 1, characterised in that the gas is supplied through the permeable material (through 12) in the area closer to the plate 19, while the oil is supplied through the material in the area further from (through 11) the plate (19).

5.(Amended) Equipment in accordance with claim 1, characterised in that a drainage bore or channel (29) is provided in the upper part of the mould cavity to drain out excess gas.